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Berne, March 27.

THE Secretary of Zurich, which came hither ſome Weeks ago with a Project for ſettling the Affair of Mulheim, and to deſire the Concurrence of this Canton to it, is to return Home To-Day or To-Morrow. He has been defrayed, during his Stay here, at the Expence of this State. Our Council of Two Hundred named ſome Days ago two Deputies, who are to go the 8th of next Month to Arberg, (a ſmall City of this Canton about four Leagues hence) and to confer with other Deputies on the Part of the Neighbouring Cantons of Fribourg and Soleurre, for accommodating ſeveral Diſputes relating to Trade and Commerce, which are ariſen of late between theſe three Cantons, on Occaſion of a Mandate publiſhed here for prohibiting the Importation of ſeveral foreign Commodities and Merchandize. Two Gentlemen of this Town have lately made, with the Conſent of this State, a Contract with the Republick of Geneva, for furniſhing certain Materials to be uſed in the Fortifications of their City, which are carried on with great Diligence. An Officer of Artillery, who at the Requeſt of thoſe of Geneva, was ſent them two Years ago by this Canton for putting their Arſenal into ſome Order, continues there ſtill, and has anſwered their Expectation, having put what belongs to their Artillery into a good Condition.

Naples, March 12, *N. S.* Admiral Byng had Intelligence ſome time ago, that a Venetian Ship of 48 Guns and 250 Men, had been fitted out at Venice, went to Malta under Venetian Colours, and there received a Commiſſion ſigned by Sig. Patino, which it was pretended had been tranſmitted to the Spaniſh Miniſter there. From thence ſhe went a cruizing under Spaniſh Colours, took an Engliſh Ship coming from Turkey, which the Captain diſpoſed of at Cagliari, and thence went to the Coaſt of Spain to intercept the Britiſh Trade. The Admiral gave Orders to the Cruizers to look out for this Ship, and the Rupert and Orford met with her off Peniſcola: The former coming up with her firſt, the Venetian fired a Broadſide, but the Rupert clapping her on board ſoon took her: In the Action the Captain of the Venetian Ship was ſhot through the Body, and loſt between 30 and 40 Men, who were all Venetians, except three Spaniards and eight Engliſh. The Admiral having ordered the Venetians taken to be impriſoned, has written to the Britiſh Miniſter at Venice to acquaint him with the Informations he has received concerning this Ship, and to deſire him to complain to the Senate of this Piratical Proceeding, and to demand Satisfaction, if it ſhall appear that the Owners of the ſaid Ship are Venetians. The Engliſh Mariners taken in her will be ſent home Priſoners. The Admiral has received by a Courier a Letter from the Earl of Stair, acquainting him, that the King of Spain's Acceſſion to the Quadruple Alliance was ſigned on the 17th of February at the Hague. By the ſame Courier he alſo received a Letter from the Marqueſs Beretti Landi for the Marqueſs de Lede, and another from the Emperour's Miniſter for General Mercy. On the Arrival of this Courier he had immediately a Conference with the Cardinal Viceroy here, and deſigns to ſail for Sicily with the firſt fair Wind, in order concert the proper Meaſures for the Evacuation of that Kingdom and of Sardinia by the Spaniards.

From on Board the Barfleur off Baiæ, March 15, *N. S.* Admiral Byng is now under Sail for Trapani. He has received Letters from Captain Saunders at Trapani, the laſt of which is dated the 11th Inſtant: They give an Account that upon the Death of General Wachtendonck, General Zumjungen was ſent to Trapani, to lead the Troops from thence to the Army under General Mercy. They marched on the 7th, and it was reckoned they would reach the Army on the 11th. Captain Saunders had received a Letter the 10th from General Mercy, acquainting him, that the Spaniſh Garriſon of Xacca yielded themſelves Priſoners of War on the 6th.

Stockholm, March 16. The laſt Letters from Carlſcroon adviſe, that eight Men of War of the Line of Battle are ready to put to Sea, and that all their other